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The Islamic Council of Europe has expressed grave anxiety at the rapidly deteriorating health of Mr Rashed Ghanouchi, leader of the Islamic Tendancy, who has been kept in solitary confinement since 4 September 1981.

The Secretary General of the Islamic Council of Europe, Mr Salem Azzam, has appealed to President Habib Bourguiba to release Mr Ghanouchi on humanitarian grounds. Similar requests have been made also to the Prime Minister and the President of the Chamber of Deputies of Tunisia.

Mr Azzam today again made a fervent appeal to the Tunisian President requesting him to order the release of Mr Ghanouchi before irreparable damage is done to his health. Mr Azzam hoped that President Bourguiba would take action on his appeal, not only on humanitarian grounds but also on the basis of human rights, and thus remove the concern that is being felt by the Muslims of Europe about Mr Ghanouchi's health.